

Item	'Backing Young Britain in the South Hams'
Date	14 September 2009
Summary of progress	<p>Project proposal from Cllr John Baverstock, Member Champion for Children and Young People:</p> <p>'Backing Young Britain' is a national government initiative, launched in August 2009, aimed at bringing businesses and the public and voluntary sectors together to do everything possible to give every young person help to find a job or training or work skills and experience.</p> <p>There are two elements to the proposed project, which will target 18-24 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETS):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing work experience opportunities of 4-6 weeks in various Council departments to help young people learn about work, make contacts and add to their CV. At the end of the period, the young people's performance will be assessed and promising candidates will be informed of any future Council job vacancies. 2. Creating projects which will be carried out by young people (e.g. creating useful open spaces on underutilised Council land, or conducting survey work). <p>The Council could seek external funding opportunities to enable a project co-ordinator to be employed.</p>
SHSP Action recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Partnership is requested to endorse development of the proposed project. • Partners are requested to consider the involvement of their organisations in the proposed project.